Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : (*a*) One
(*b*) Nil.
(*c*) One.

Toddy Shops.

104. ***Mr. E. K. Kuripe**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) at what distance from institutions such as schools, temples, etc., shall toddy shops be opened under the rules ; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken on the complaints made by the public in regard to the shifting of certain shops in the Kothamangalam Range in view of their proximity to schools ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) The member's attention is drawn to the notification of Government dated 26-7-1907 published on page 616 of Volume II of the Acts and Proclamations of Travancore. This has been amplified and supplemented by departmental circular to the effect that wherever practicable no arrack and toddy shop will be located within two furlongs of a market, school house, places of public worship, hospital, factory, public place, railway lines and similar places of public resort.

(*b*) The matter was dropped after enquiry.

Tobacco cultivation in this State.

105. ***Mr. E. K. Kuripe**: Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether special permission is given for tobacco cultivation in this State ; and

(*b*) if so, the total extent of land in respect of which permission was given for cultivation ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) The tobacco Plantations at Edacode in the Chirayinkil taluk—5 acres.

(ii) The Gracy Estate at Kanjirapalli—7 acres.

(iii) Tobacco Plantations at Pathanapuram—6 acres.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mohamed Ismail: May I know whether permission was refused in the case of any applicant ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: No, Sir ; we got three applications, and they were all granted.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*) : Will the honourable member be pleased to enlighten us regarding the quality of the tobacco produced in these new plantations ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: At Kanjirapally, they are growing two varieties of tobacco corresponding to the Coimbatore and the Jaffna variety. In the Gracy Estate they have got down an Expert from

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Jaffna. Tobacco is now being cured and will be ready in about 2 months. It is not possible now to say how it will compare with the tobacco imported from Jaffna.

At Edacode, they have been able to sell only a few pounds of tobacco.

Mr Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi; May I know where the tobacco exhibited at the entrance to this Chamber was grown ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: That was grown by the Department of Agriculture in the Demonstration Farm at Puliyara.

Admission of students in classes in Malayalam schools.

106. ***Mr. E. K. Kuripe**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether in many of the Malayalam schools, each division of a class contains more than the sanctioned number of peoples?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Yes.

Mr. E. K. Kuripe: ചട്ടത്തിനു വിപരീതമായി കൂടുതൽ കുട്ടികളെ ചേർക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ് ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: സ്ഥലക്കുറവാണെന്നു പറയുവാനേ നിവർത്തിയുള്ളൂ.

Mr. E. K. Kuripe: ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ പ്രൈവറ്റ് സ്കൂളുകളും ഗവണ്മെന്റ് സ്കൂളുകളും ഒന്നുപോലെയാണോ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നത് ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: അല്ല.

Mr. E K. Kuripe: അതിന്റെ കാരണം എന്താണ് ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: ഗവണ്മെന്റ് സ്കൂളുകളിൽ വരുന്ന കുട്ടികളെ ചേർക്കുകയില്ലാ എന്നു പറയുവാൻ നിർവാഹമില്ല. പ്രൈവറ്റ് സ്കൂളുകളിൽ കുട്ടികളെ ചേർക്കാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ല എന്നു പറയാറുണ്ട്.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know the reasons which prompted the Director of Public Instruction to fix the maximum strength for each class ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: That was first done in the interests of efficient instruction to pupils. But the maximum has been increased from time to time, and it has now come up to 50 ; it may have to be raised to 60 later on.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Will not efficiency of teaching be impaired in that case ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: It may be. But I find that even in more advanced countries they allow a large number of pupils in the lower classes.

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